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PHILIP M. KOPPE JOINS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Philip M. Koppe, former Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Missouri Attorney General, has joined the Office of the United States Attorney. Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that Koppe has been hired as a new Assistant U.S. Attorney.

Koppe joins the office after working nearly 30 years in the office of the Missouri Attorney General. During that time, he worked as Assistant Attorney General in the civil division in Jefferson City and the criminal division in both Jefferson City and Kansas City.

“Phil handled the appeals of several murder cases I tried as a county prosecutor,” Graves said. “He is an excellent appellate attorney, and I am very pleased that he has agreed to join our office.”

Prior to that experience, Koppe worked five years as a sports writer and copy editor at *The Kansas City Star*. He covered high school, small college and Big Eight sporting events while attending law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Koppe graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1973. While working toward his law degree, Koppe was a recipient of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Foundation Scholarship, a member of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, a member of Order of the Bench & Robe and awarded the Jackson County Juvenile Court Fellowship.

Koppe received a bachelor's degree in English literature from Rockhurst College and was on the Rockhurst College Dean's List from 1967 to 1969. In addition to his undergraduate work there, he also took a criminology course at Avila College.

Koppe is married and has two children. He also is a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church and a member of the Timber Trace Homes Association security committee.

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